



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

<b>Bill #</b>	HB0510	<b>Title:</b>	Assist local governments with federal land projects
<b>Primary Sponsor:</b>	Redfield, Alan	<b>Status:</b>	As Amended in House Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact     | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>(\$120,000)</u>	<u>(\$120,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 510 enables the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) to serve as "...consulting subject matter experts on federal vegetation management projects that address forest health or wildfire risk". Section 3 appropriates \$240,000 from the general fund for the 2017 biennium.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

1. A local government as defined in 7-11-1002, MCA, can be a city, town, county, or consolidated city-county government. Montana has 56 counties and at least 130 cities and towns.
2. For fiscal note purposes, it is assumed DNRC would create a local government forest advisor within the Forestry Division.
3. Costs for this position include personal services, office package and computer setup (FY 2016 only), travel, transportation, per diem, etc.
4. The costs associated with the local government forest advisor are based on a band 6 conservation specialist position.

- a. Personal services costs (including benefits) for this FTE total \$62,400 annually for FY 2016 and FY 2017. Operating costs in the first year include one-time-only costs of an office package and computer of \$2,900 and \$54,700 in associated operating costs. Additional operating costs of \$57,600 each year are necessary for travel, training, communications, office supplies, transportation, contracted services, etc.
5. Although this act terminates June 30, 2020, the appropriation in the bill is effective for only the 2017 biennium. In accordance with language in Section 1(2)(4)(c) this legislation is assumed to be unfunded beyond the 2017 biennium and duties completed by the department will cease at the end of the 2017 biennium.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
FTE	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Personal Services	\$62,400	\$62,400	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$57,600	\$57,600	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	(\$120,000)	(\$120,000)	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Technical Notes:**

1. The bill sets the termination date for the local government advisor to June 30, 2020, however the appropriation for the advisor is only effective through June 30, 2017.

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